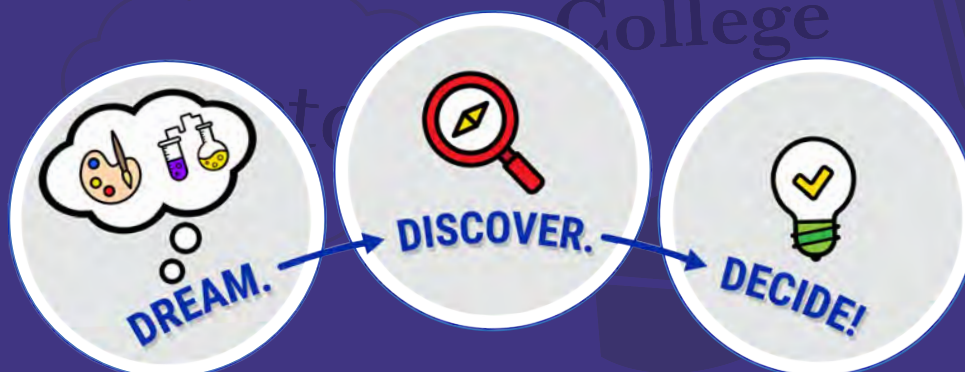


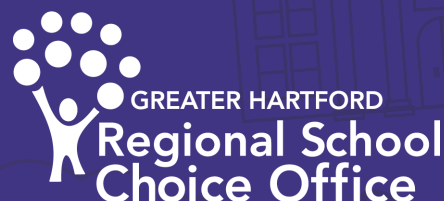
# Quick Reference Guide to School Choice in the Greater Hartford Region

School Year 2022–23 | Pre-K to Grade 12

Empowering Families to:



[ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org)



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Please visit RSCO's website at [ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org) or call 860-713-6990.*

# Key Dates

Here are a few key dates to keep in your calendar to make sure you know exactly what is happening and when.

## On-Time RSCO Application:

**November 12, 2021:** RSCO on-time application period starts

**January 10, 2022:** RSCO early application period for CTECS technical high schools ends

**February 28, 2022:** RSCO on-time application period ends

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## Late RSCO Application Period

**March 1, 2022:** RSCO late application period starts

**September 15, 2022:** RSCO late application period ends

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## Application Changes:

**November 12, 2021 through February 28, 2022:** Families are able to make changes to their online RSCO application

**After February 28, 2022:** Families can make changes to their contact information only. Families must contact RSCO staff to make the changes to contact information.

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## RSCO Placements:

Placements continue through the spring and summer and will BEGIN as follows:

**February 2022:** CTECS technical high schools early applicant placements begin

**April 2022:** Magnets and Open Choice on-time applicant placements begin

**April 2022:** CTECS technical schools on-time applicant placements begin

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## Response Deadline Information for RSCO Placement Announcements:

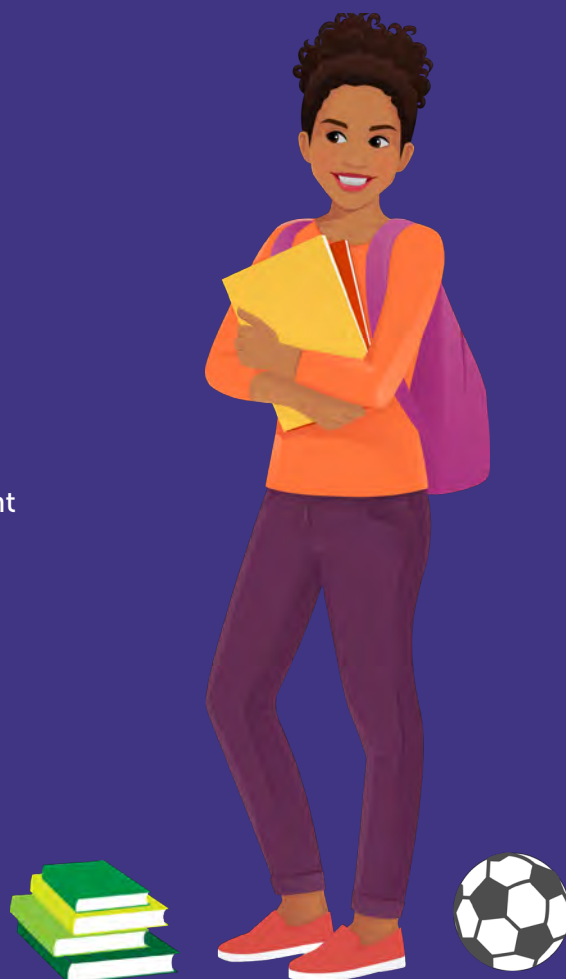
Families are notified via text and/or email of placements. The deadlines for responding to placements are included in the announcement communication.

Apply by  
**February 28, 2022**  
at  
[ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org)

RSCO Phone:  
860-713-6990

RSCO Email:  
[rscsde@ct.gov](mailto:rscsde@ct.gov)

Visit RSCO:  
450 Columbus Blvd.  
Suite P28  
Hartford, CT  
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# Top 13 Things You Need to Know

The Family Guide provides the information you need to make decisions that are the best fit for your family's interests and priorities. As you get started, keep in mind these important tips to guide you through the school choice process.

**The RSCO application will be available from November 12, 2021 through February 28, 2022.**

1. Parents/guardians who reside in Connecticut at the time of application are eligible to submit a RSCO application. Please note, a post office box (P.O. Box) cannot be used to prove Connecticut residency.
2. Consider ALL of the options and apply to multiple schools/programs to increase your chances of receiving a placement offer. It is important to rank your school or district selections in order of preference.
3. Be sure to apply to the correct grade for PK3, PK4, and kindergarten. Age requirements for students applying to grades PK3, PK4, and kindergarten for the 2022–23 school year are as follows:
  - **PK3 (Prekindergarten Age 3):** Child was born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019;
  - **PK4 (Prekindergarten Age 4):** Child was born between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018;
  - **Kindergarten:** Child born between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017, **OR** child born between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016, and has no previous schooling.
4. Know your placement priorities! Placement priorities vary by schools and may be used in the placement process. These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program, but they may increase your chance of a placement offer.
5. There are no placement advantages to applying early (except if you are applying to the technical high schools. See #6). As long as you submit a completed application by February 28, 2022, your application is considered on time.
6. If your child is entering 9th grade and wants to apply to the three technical high schools available through RSCO, you can take advantage of the early application period for CTECS by applying by January 10, 2022.
7. You may only submit ONE completed application, either an on-time application or late application, for each child for the 2022–23 school year.
8. Using the RSCO online application, families may apply to:
  - **Interdistrict Magnet Schools:** Families with students entering PK3 through 12th grade may choose up to five (5) schools and rank them in order of preference;
  - **Open Choice for Hartford Residents:** Hartford families with students entering PK4–10th grade may choose up to five (5) Open Choice School Districts and rank them in order of preference;
  - **Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents:** Non-Hartford families with students entering kindergarten–8th grade may select up to four (4) schools and rank them in order of preference;
  - **Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) for A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney technical high schools:** Families with students entering 9th grade must choose all three (3) technical high schools as a group in order of preference.
9. A feature in the online application allows you to view the previous year's number of applications compared to seat availability by school and grade level to assist you in your school and/or district selections.
10. Please remember to keep us up to date on how to contact you. You should update the application with your most current contact information.
11. Get help if you need it! We have resources to help you figure out your options and complete the application. Contact RSCO or go to [choiceeducation.org](https://choiceeducation.org).
12. Although we try to place as many applicants as possible, submitting an application does not guarantee a placement offer.
13. Check out school open houses and virtual events to learn more and make an informed choice!

# We Are All About Choice!

The Connecticut State Department of Education's Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) offers a broad variety of school choice opportunities that empower families to choose opportunities for their students and to enable student success.

## RSCO Programs

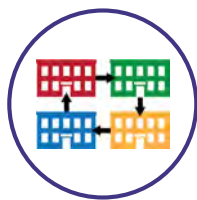
Did you know that your School Choice options extend beyond your own home district? Families have amazing opportunities available to them in the Greater Hartford Region, with transportation provided from most areas. RSCO offers students entering pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with a wide array of choices, including **Open Choice**, **magnet**, **technical**, and **agriculture schools**, that meet the individual needs of students and families.

**Make an informed decision for your family by learning more about our programs and your options.**



### Interdistrict Magnet Schools

Magnet schools are unique public schools that focus on a particular theme or specialized instructional programming to fit the talents and interests of students. Students from Hartford and suburban communities learn together in a fun, engaging and challenging educational environment.



### The Hartford Region Open Choice Program

The Open Choice Program is a public school program that allows Hartford-resident students to attend public schools in nearby suburban school districts, and non-Hartford resident students to attend certain public schools in Hartford. This program offers a great opportunity for students to access quality academic programming outside of their home district while learning in culturally diverse and enriching school communities.



### Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) Technical High Schools

RSCO offers students entering the 9th grade the opportunity to apply to three CTECS technical high schools (A.I. Prince Technical High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, and Howell Cheney Technical High School) as a group. Technical high schools combine core academics and career/technical education to prepare students for immediate employment, apprenticeship programs, and college and career opportunities.



### Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE)

ASTE schools prepare students for college and careers in the fields of animal science, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, environmental science, plant science, marine technology, agricultural mechanics technology and agriculture business as part of their high school program. The ASTE schools are an option for students entering 9th grade. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply separately at <https://portal.ct.gov/sde-ASTE-apply>.

# Application Assistance

You are not alone in this process! RSCO partners and community organizations are here to help. RSCO and the other organizations listed below offer School Choice application assistance and general information about School Choice and your options. Reach out to talk through your options, get the information you need, and select schools and programs that work best for your family and give your child the best chance for a placement. Hours of operation vary among sites. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment (in-person or virtual). Note: Sites and information are subject to change.

## RSCO's Primary School Choice Application Assistance Sites

### RSCO Parent Information Center

450 Columbus Blvd., Plaza Level,  
Suite 28, Hartford, CT  
Email: [rscsde@ct.gov](mailto:rscsde@ct.gov)  
Phone: 860-713-6990  
Website: [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org)  
Hours: Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.,

### CREC Welcome Center

111 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT  
Email: [schoolchoice@crec.org](mailto:schoolchoice@crec.org)  
Phone: 860-509-3700  
Website: [www.choosecrec.org](http://www.choosecrec.org)  
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Hartford Public Schools Office of Enrollment and School Choice

330 Wethersfield Ave., 1st Floor,  
Hartford, CT  
Phone: 860-695-8876  
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Hartford Public Library Locations

#### Hartford Public Library (HPL)

##### Downtown Branch

500 Main St., Children's Room,  
Hartford, CT  
Email: [schoolchoiceoffice@hpltc.org](mailto:schoolchoiceoffice@hpltc.org)  
Phone: 860-695-6325  
Website: [hplct.org/library-services/parents/school-choice-assistance](http://hplct.org/library-services/parents/school-choice-assistance)  
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 12 p.m.–6 p.m.;  
Fri & Sat, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

##### HPL Albany Branch

1250 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-695-7380  
2nd Tuesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

##### HPL Barbour Branch

261 Barbour St., Hartford, CT  
860-695-7400  
4th Thursday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

##### HPL Campfield Branch

30 Campfield Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-695-7440  
1st Tuesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

##### HPL Dwight Branch

7 New Park Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-695-7460  
1st Wednesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

##### HPL Park Branch

744 Park St., Hartford, CT  
860-695-7500  
3rd Wednesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

## RSCO Satellite Sites Offering Application Assistance

### CURET

1443 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-247-0123  
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

### CRT (Connecticut Renewal Team) Early Care and Education Centers

Hours for all:  
Mon–Thurs, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Fri, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

### CRT-Douglas St.

170 Douglas St., Hartford, CT  
860-560-5460

### CRT-Grace St.

37 Grace St., Hartford, CT  
860-523-6262

### CRT-Laurel St.

211 Laurel St., Hartford, CT  
860-560-5487

### CRT-Job Corps

100 William Shorty Campbell Blvd.,  
Hartford CT  
860-952-1790

### Institute for the Hispanic Family/ Catholic Charities

45 Wadsworth St., Hartford, CT  
860-524-6853 ext. 221/222  
Hours: Mon–Fri, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Imagineers, LLC

635 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-768-3353  
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

### Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford

30 Arbor St., Hartford, CT  
860-233-3853  
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.;  
Fri, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

### The Village for Families & Children, Inc.

1680 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-236-4511, ext. 3416  
Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

## RSCO Satellite Resource Centers with RSCO Informational Publications

### Asylum Hill Family Center

896 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-244-9944

### Blue Hills Civic Association

1229 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT  
860-560-7360, ext. 102

### Parker Memorial Family Center

2621 Main St., Hartford, CT  
860-757-0827

### Southside Family Center

35 Groton St., Hartford, CT  
860-297-7800

### SS Cyril & Methodius Child Development Center

45 Groton St., Hartford, CT  
860-206-9265

# Getting Started on Your Way to a School Choice Opportunity

It is awesome that families have so many choices for their child's education, but it can get complicated and confusing to figure out what is available to them and how likely it is they will receive an offer in a school choice option. Our job at RSCO is to help families access the information you need to make informed choices about your options.

**The process involves three important steps:**

**Explore**



**Apply**



**Respond**

## Step 1: Explore Your Options

**We encourage you to explore the options available to you to find the right fit for your family.**

### **1 Identify your child's interests and talents**

What makes your child unique? How does your child learn? What motivates your child? What are your child's talents?

### **2 Explore the School Choice Options**

Attend RSCO School Choice virtual events and open houses.

Contact the RSCO Parent Information Center, Hartford Public Library, or a satellite site to discuss the options and ask questions.

Research the information on the RSCO website and RSCO application at [ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org).

### **3 Make an informed decision that fits your family. Consider:**

Factors that are important to you: school themes, distance from home, enrollment, extracurricular activities, before/after school programs, and other factors that are important to you;

Grade level and school capacity (generally, most seats are available at the entry grade, including pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade); and

Placement priorities that are available to you and may increase your chance of receiving a placement offer.



## Step 2: Apply

**Apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application at [ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org) by the February 28, 2022 deadline.**

We have an exciting new application platform that will make applying easier for everyone! There is always help available, so please reach out for assistance!

- 1 Set up an account**
- 2 Start the application**
- 3 Select schools and programs that fit your child's interests and skills**
- 4 Complete the application by February 28, 2022**

**Families may submit only one application for each child.**

**Please feel free to edit your application through February 28, 2022 but only submit one per student!**

The application will be available beginning on November 12, 2021, but as long as you apply by February 28, 2022, your application is on time.  
**There are no placement advantages to applying early!**

There is ONE exception: CTECS has an early application deadline of January 10, 2022 for students entering the 9th grade who are applying to technical high schools through RSCO and want to take advantage of the early application period.

## Step 3: Respond

**Respond to RSCO placement announcements by visiting [ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org).**

We will provide full details on how to respond to placement announcements in the spring of 2022 through our communications with families, and post it on the RSCO website, [ChoiceEducation.org](https://ChoiceEducation.org).





# Schools and Programs

## Magnet Schools: PreK to Elementary

Town	Magnet School	Theme	Grades
Rocky Hill	<a href="#">Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary</a>	STEM	PK3 to 5
South Windsor	<a href="#">Academy of International Studies Elementary School</a> (formerly International Magnet School for Global Citizenship)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	PK3 to 5
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School</a>	Arts	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">Betances Learning Lab Magnet School</a>	Early Reading	PK3 to 4
Hartford	<a href="#">Betances STEM Magnet School</a>	STEM	5 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Breakthrough Magnet School, North</a>	Character Education	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">Breakthrough Magnet School, South</a>	Character Education	PK3 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Capital Preparatory Magnet School</a>	Social Justice	PK3 to 12
Wethersfield	<a href="#">Discovery Academy</a>	STEM	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School</a>	Environmental Sciences	PK4 to 8
Glastonbury	<a href="#">Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School</a>	STEM	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School</a>	STREAM	PK3 & PK4
Hartford	<a href="#">Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts</a>	Performing Arts	PK4 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School</a>	Montessori	PK3 to 6
Hartford	<a href="#">Montessori Magnet at Fisher School</a>	Montessori	PK3 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Montessori Magnet School (CREC)</a>	Montessori	PK 3 to 6
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Museum Academy</a>	Museum Studies	PK3 to 5
Avon	<a href="#">Reggio Magnet School of the Arts</a>	Reggio Emilia	PK3 to 5
East Hartford	<a href="#">Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University</a>	Reggio Emilia	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School</a>	STEM	K to 8
West Hartford	<a href="#">University of Hartford Magnet School</a>	Multiple Intelligences	PK3 to 5
Hartford	<a href="#">Webster Micro Society Magnet School</a>	Micro Society	PK3 to 8
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School</a>	Early Childhood	PK3 & PK4

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## Magnet Schools: Middle to High School

Town	Magnet School	Theme	Grades
Windsor	<a href="#">Academy of Aerospace and Engineering</a>	STEM	6 to 12
Enfield	<a href="#">Academy of Computer Science and Engineering</a> (formerly Civic Leadership High School)	Computer Science and Engineering	9 to 12
East Hartford	<a href="#">Academy of Computer Science and Engineering</a> Middle School (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle)	Computer Science and Engineering	6 to 8
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Academy of International Studies</a> (formerly Metropolitan Learning Center for Global & International Studies)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	6 to 12
New Britain	<a href="#">Academy of Science and Innovation</a>	STEM	6 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Betances STEM Magnet School</a>	STEM	5 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Breakthrough Magnet School, South</a>	Character Education	PK3 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Capital Preparatory Magnet School</a>	Social Justice	PK3 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Classical Magnet School</a>	College Prep	6 to 12
East Hartford	<a href="#">Connecticut IB Academy</a>	International Baccalaureate (IB)	9 to 12
East Hartford	<a href="#">Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University</a>	Early College, Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Studies	6 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School</a>	Environmental Sciences	PK4 to 8
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Global Experience Magnet School</a>	Global Studies and World Travel	6 to 12
Manchester	<a href="#">Great Path Academy at MCC</a>	College Prep	9 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School —Full Day</a>	Arts	9 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School —Half Day</a>	Arts	9 to 12
Bloomfield	<a href="#">Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle</a>	Arts	6 to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy</a>	Arts and Sciences	6 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts</a>	Performing Arts	PK4 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Montessori Magnet at Fisher School</a>	Montessori	PK3 to 8
East Hartford	<a href="#">Pathways Academy of Technology and Design</a>	Technology	9 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Sport and Medical Sciences Academy</a>	Sports and Medical	6 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School</a>	STEM	K to 8
Hartford	<a href="#">University High School of Science &amp; Engineering</a>	STEM	9 to 12
Hartford	<a href="#">Webster Micro Society Magnet School</a>	Micro Society	PK3 to 8

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## Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

Town	Technical High School	Programming	Grades
Hartford	<a href="#">A.I. Prince Technical High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12
New Britain	<a href="#">E.C. Goodwin Technical High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12
Manchester	<a href="#">Howell Cheney Technical High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12

## Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE)

Town	Technical High School	Programming	Grades
Bloomfield	<a href="#">D.F. Harris Sr. AgriScience Center at Bloomfield High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12
Glastonbury	<a href="#">Glastonbury Regional Agriscience and Technology Center at Glastonbury High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12
Suffield	<a href="#">Suffield Regional Agriscience Center at Suffield High School</a>	College and Career Readiness	9 to 12

## Open Choice: Hartford Resident




Residential Zone	Open Choice District
Zone 1	<a href="#">Avon, Canton, East Granby, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, West Hartford</a>
Zone 2	<a href="#">Bolton, Coventry, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, South Windsor, Tolland, Windsor Locks</a>
Zone 3	<a href="#">Berlin, Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Southington</a>
Zone 4	<a href="#">Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield</a>

## Open Choice: Non-Hartford Resident

Open Choice Hartford Public School	Grades
<a href="#">Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy</a>	K to 8
<a href="#">Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School</a>	K to 5
<a href="#">Global Communications Academy</a>	K to 8
<a href="#">Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy</a>	4 to 8

# School Locations, Programs, and RSCO Transportation Zone Map



-  Indicates towns where magnet schools are located
-  Indicates districts that participate in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program for Hartford residents
-  Indicates district that participates in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program for non-Hartford residents



# RSCO Transportation Zone Information

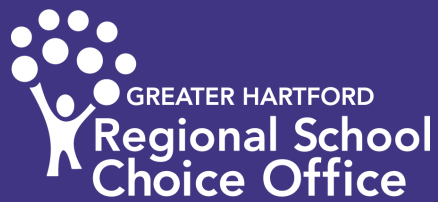
The RSCO Transportation Zone establishes borders for transporting students to RSCO School Choice schools and programs within the Greater Hartford Region.

For additional information, contact the RSCO Transportation Office by email at [rscotransportation@crec.org](mailto:rscotransportation@crec.org), by telephone at **860-524-4077**, or visit their website at [crec.org/transportation/rsco.php](http://crec.org/transportation/rsco.php).

## Transportation Information

Program & Grade Level	Hartford Resident	Non-Hartford Resident
<b>Magnet (PK3 &amp; PK4)</b> <b>Open Choice (PK4)</b>	PK3 and PK4 Hartford resident students who attend out-of-district programming are provided transportation.	PK3 and PK4 non-Hartford resident students whose parents/guardians transport them to school are eligible for a stipend for providing transportation. This stipend will be paid at the end of the summer but you must apply for it by June 15, 2022.
<b>Open Choice (K–12)</b>	Transportation is provided but may vary depending on the Open Choice District and bus routing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighborhood stop</b> is located in or near the student's neighborhood.</li> <li>• <b>Central location</b> in or near the student's resident town, often located in a public place.</li> <li>• <b>Plainville</b> provides transportation for Plainville Open Choice Program students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Magnet (K–12)</b>	Transportation is provided but may vary depending on student's residence and bus routing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighborhood</b> stop is located in or near the student's neighborhood.</li> <li>• <b>Central location</b> in or near the student's resident town, often located in a public place.</li> <li>• <b>Students who enroll in a magnet school within their local district will receive in-district transportation.</b> For additional information, contact your district's transportation office.</li> </ul>	
<b>CTECS (9–12)</b>	Transportation is provided, but services may vary depending upon student's residence.	
<b>ASTE (9–12)</b> <b>Hartford Residents Only</b>	Transportation is provided to Hartford residents.	





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